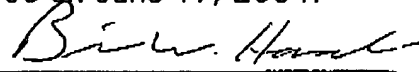


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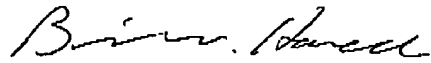
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**REQUEST FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION**

Sir:

With reference to the Office Action dated January 20, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests a two-month extension of the response term, from the present term of April 20, 2004, up to a new term of June 20, 2004. The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 12-C400 in the amount of \$210.00 to cover the fee for this two-month extension, or any required fees in excess of the amount submitted, or credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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